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Washington, DC - Congressman Bruce Braley (D-Iowa) announced today the Department of Education has awarded the State of Iowa \$18,710,222 to turn around the state's lowest-achieving schools through the School Improvement Grants (SIG) program. These Recovery Act funds are part of a national effort to strengthen the nation's lowest achieving school systems.

"This grant will enable Iowa schools to continue a tradition of excellence," Braley said. "When schools continually display poor results, it's important to provide the teachers and administration with the help they need to give their students the high-quality education they deserve. An investment in our state's schools is an investment in the future of our state's economy."

The state of Iowa will allocate these funds based upon school districts' applications this spring. Once the lowest achieving schools have received funds, Tier III schools may apply. A Tier III school is one that has failed to meet yearly progress standards for two years and is not identified as a lowest achieving school.

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